

I am writing while wearing a number of hats.

First, I am an emergency manager. From that standpoint, I view Broadband over Power Line as a danger to the Citizens I serve.

From the comments I have seen, there is no evidence given that the power companies can assure there will be no interference. In fact, if the power company can't keep the power grid up, that alone should indicate the inability to keep the signals from interfering.

Interference to the High Frequency communications we use is detrimental. The tests I have observed reveal signals from the power line over S-9. Most stations with which I communicate have signals under S-9. During a disaster, many signals are well under the S-9 range.

Secondly, I am a member of the Military Affiliate Radio System. This group of volunteer radio operators have been involved in disaster communications and are also well known for the phone patches they provided soldiers during the Viet Nam war.

MARS supports the SHARed RESources (SHARES), the Federal Emergency Management Agency effort, through the National Communications System, to supplement nationwide communications prior to a disaster.

During a disaster, especially involving loss of telephone communications, SHARES stands the good chance for being THE only communications tool available to the FEDERAL government. In other words, should the Commission endorse BPL, the Commission has severely hampered the ability of their own government to communicate reliably during a disaster.

SHARES is just one of the government agencies using High Frequency communications. Others include, but are not limited to, all branches of the United States Military (i.e. Department of Defense), the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Commerce (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration), Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Justice, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

All these resources have an interest in BPL. I would encourage the Commission, if they have not received comments from these groups, to reach out to their governing partners to (1) explain how BPL will impact their operations and (2) prepare to receive comments why BPL will not be in their best interest.

Thank you for your service to our Nation. Please do not endorse BPL.

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    When Danger comes, it is too late to plan.